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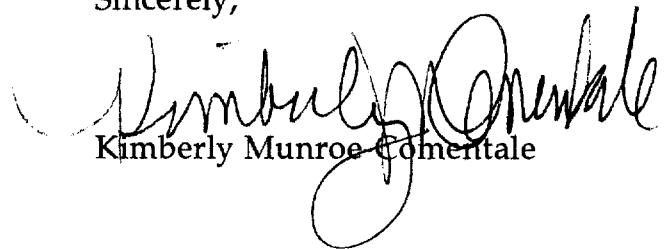
Re: Dockets # 98N-1230, 96P-0418, 97P-0197

I am writing to encourage the FDA to ban the practice of forced molting of hens to manipulate egg production. This method of agriculture--which is essentially the starvation and dehydration of farm animals--promotes infectious disease by destroying hens' immune systems. Forced molting has been linked to Salmonella poisoning in humans, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety & Inspection Service (FSIS).

Allowing forced molting to continue suggests that the FDA cares neither about animal cruelty nor human health. Many illnesses and deaths, and much suffering is the direct result of this entirely unnatural farm practice. It is within your organization's jurisdiction to make forced molting and other cruel and unhealthy farm practices illegal; please take action against it now.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,



Kimberly Munroe Comentale

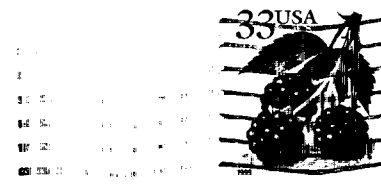
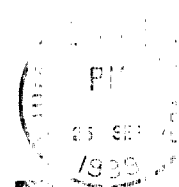
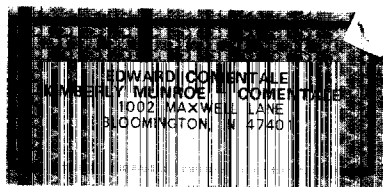
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